

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2685
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SUBSIDISED WHEAT TO FLOUR MILL OWNERS
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the FCI is providing wheat at subsidised rates to the flour mill owners;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S L MAHARIA)

(a),(b)&(c): Wheat is being sold to Roller Flour Millers under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) {OMSS(D)} at prefixed prices. The prices of wheat under the OMSS (D) are fixed on the basis of the age of stock and the prevailing market prices. In recent years, these prices have been lower than the economic cost of wheat procured for the Central Pool. The difference is reimbursed to Food Corporation of India as subsidy.